

REMARKS

Claim 47 is amended herein to depend on claim 12, which is depended on claim 1, where claim 1 is in the elected group. If claim 1 is found allowable over prior art, then dependent claims should be allowable over prior art as well. Accordingly, Applicant requests that the claims that are dependent on any claim in the elected group remain in the application (even if withdrawn from consideration) for inclusion with claims in the elected group upon allowance of such claims in the elected group.

Applicant believes that the present application is now in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

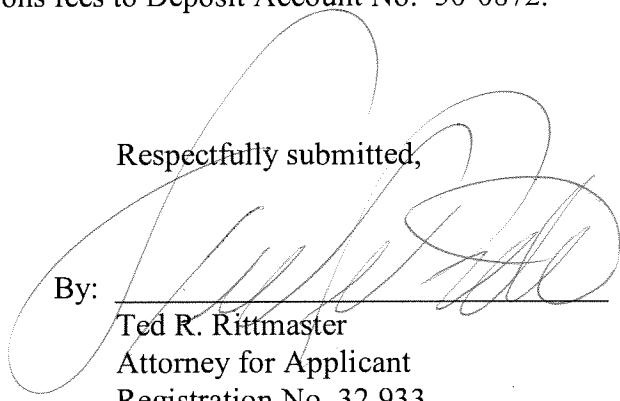
The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-0872. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check or credit card payment form being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 50-0872. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, Applicant hereby petitions for such extension under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 50-0872.

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